

Kentucky Medicaid Expansion

2013 Predictions

Enrollees

The 2013 white paper estimated that 147,634 newly eligible members would enroll by the end of state fiscal year (SFY) 2014, with total enrollment increasing to 187,898 by the end of SFY 2021.

Uninsured rate

The 2013 whitepaper anticipated a decrease in the uninsured rate, but did not contain a quantifiable estimate. Stressed individuals with insurance are healthier. Rate of uninsured estimated at 20.4%,

Avoided costs

The 2013 whitepaper projected a net positive impact of \$841.3 million to the state budget from SFY2014 to SFY2021 as a result of expanding Medicaid eligibility.

Uncompensated care

The 2013 whitepaper did not have projections for uncompensated care but stressed that hospitals would be forced to take on additional financial burdens with reductions in DSH.

Job creation

The 2013 whitepaper estimated that a total of 17,000 new jobs would be added to the Kentucky economy through SFY 2021 as a result of expansion.

Cumulative impact on state economy

The 2013 whitepaper predicted Medicaid expansion would have a net positive cumulative impact of \$15.6 billion between SFY2014 and SFY2012

2015 Facts and Projections

Medicaid expansion enrollment increased by 375,175 by the end of calendar year (CY) 2014, with the expansion population representing 8.5% of the total state population.

Compared with all other states, Kentucky experienced the second largest decrease in its uninsured rate; the uninsured rate dropped from 20.4 percent in 2013 to 11.9 percent in mid-2014.

The net difference between expanding and not expanding is now projected to have a positive \$919.1 million impact on the state budget from SFY2014 to SFY2021.

Uncompensated care costs for Kentucky hospitals were \$1.15 billion lower during the first three quarters of CY2014 compared with the same period in CY2013.

Revised estimates indicate the state will recognize the creation of approximately 40,000 new jobs as a result of expansion.

Between SFY2014 and SFY2021, Medicaid expansion is now estimated to have a net positive cumulative impact of \$30.1 billion on Kentucky's economy.